



KENTUCKY REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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Committee Chair

The meeting of the Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee was called to order by chair Roy Foushee on April 6, 2010. The meeting was held at Lake Barkley SRP.

Those in attendance were:

Roy Foushee	Central Area Director-Chair
Matt Rhodes	North Central Area Director
Dan Troutman	East Area Director
Guy F. Delius	Cabinet's Representative-Secretary

Persons not present: Juli Conner
 Beverley Joy Watkins

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting. After a few clarifications the Committee approved the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes: Matt Rhodes

Seconded by Dan Troutman.

Motion passed. In Favor 3. Not in favor 0.

The Committee thanks Mr. Rhodes for his thoughts and developments on the improved R.S. Logo.

The Committee reviewed the term service requirements for directors and the processes for advertising for upcoming term completions.

The Committee discussed the news letter. It was completed and sent out recently and the committee has received several favorable comments. The Committee was appreciative of Mrs. Conner for her work in final completion of the document and to the directors for collecting and sending in the articles. The committee provided an article for Juli for the next news letter regarding Dr. Leach's retirement.

Director Rhodes discussed the R.S. topic he presented at KPHA. Mr. Rhodes said he received several comments that the committee discussed regarding the name for the profession and contact hour requirements. The Committee discussed some options for alternative names for Sanitarians and agreed that we may poll KY Sanitarians in the future to get their input. The group discussed having a possible contest for a name-logo upgrade.

Guy Delius discussed that the Environmental Award was not applied for or awarded at KPHA.

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Guy asked that we work directly with KPHA Environmental liaison to ensure we have a pool of candidates for review. Guy said we have too many very talented individuals not to have this award provided. The group agreed to ensure environmental awards are provided at our association meetings.

Guy discussed the Environmental Health Professionals week. He thanked the Committee for their efforts in revising the logo, acquiring some hand out materials and educational goods that reflected our profession. The week was a success with a statewide press release, several local health department public relations releases such as Louisville Jefferson Metro Health Department (partnering with University of Louisville), Boyle, Marshall County and Mercer County Health Departments. Matt Rhodes discussed several events that Louisville Metro Health accomplished during the week. Several events were held statewide at local health departments across the state to showcase our environmental health programs, including several events sponsored by the Department for Public Health-Division of Public Health Protection and Safety in Frankfort.

The Governors Proclamation of this special week in Kentucky indeed helped “brand” and publicize our environmental health profession. The Committee agreed to pursue and expand this event for next year.

The Committee asked for Mrs. Watkins to add a letter to new members to acquire email address, or develop a mechanism to email all members. Currently we have many members email addresses, but not all.

The Committee discussed the best approach for utilizing the acquired public relation goods that portray our logo. The Committee discussed providing materials during association events to members. Other committee members suggested providing during recruiting events in high schools/universities to help educate and bring prospective persons into the profession. The Committee decided to solicit the thoughts of some other public relation-marketing specialists prior to committing the resources at this time. The Committee has asked Mr. Chris Smith on detail to the division of public health protection and safety to investigate the marketing specialists thoughts and report back to the committee.

Matt agreed to discuss with Mr. Smith to review the marketing plan and send to the Committee to approve.

The Committee discussed the need to review the marketing plan and see how the universities can continue to assist us in marketing efforts. It is in the universities best interest also for us to have a strong environmental health program and attraction of prospective employees and students to Kentucky.

The Committee discussed if we should add a question to the post test evaluation to ask the student “why did they come to the R.S. field-how did they find out about R.S., etc.”.

The Committee discussed what is involved with an update of the Statute or Regulation.

Guy discussed several pro’s and cons’ of opening the statute and/or regulation for changes.

Guy recommended that we wait until we have substantial changes ready, then move towards a wider scope change. The risks of opening the statue or regulation for minor issues outweighs the benefits.

The Committee agreed and asked that we begin to bring the list of recommended changes to upcoming meetings to begin to make a list of items to be changed in the future.
The Committee members are to bring the initial listing of items to the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the new possibility of an E-Payment for Sanitarians to pay their dues.

Phil Rosell-Sri-Kathy Fowler, Beverley Joy Watkins and others have been actively working on the E-Pay option for Sanitarians. Guy suggested we can likely be able to roll this out prior to this round of renewals. The Committee agreed to pursue the roll out.

Motion to pursue rolling out this new payment option, pending a successful upcoming trial run by Dan Troutman.

Seconded by Matt Rhodes.

In Favor 3

Not In Favor 0

Guy discussed an update to the World Equestrian Games and environmental health support that DPH is providing and the request for volunteers. Matt Rhodes reminded the Committee also that we have the state fair in August, and will need environmental volunteers for that mission also.

4-7-10

Juli Conner is present.

Guy discussed the many legislative bills that relate to environmental health. This session was favorable with no adverse environmental health bills passed. Many worked very hard to ensure our interests were heard. The mold bill was moved to the Attorney General's office for administration.

Guy discussed the provided budget-expenditure-revenue sheets from Beverley Joy Watkins. The Committee reviewed and Dan Troutman provided a motion to approve the documents as provided. Seconded by Matt Rhodes.

In Favor 4

Not In Favor 0

The Committee reviewed the evaluations collected from the students when taking the exam. The Committee agreed to revise the evaluation to include a question as to what let the student to choose environmental health career. Additionally we should condense the evaluation to one page.

The Committee discussed a CDC study course, and that we should get a copy to review.

The Committee reviewed the new Sanitarians who passed the exam.

Sarah Biggin

Jonathan Turner

Motion to approve the new KY Registered Sanitarians by Matt Rhodes.

Seconded by Dan Troutman.

In Favor 4

Not In Favor 0

Chair Roy Foushee signed the letter of reciprocity for Holly Wilson.

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The Committee agreed to dedicate one day to help complete the review of the Strategic Plan in Frankfort.

Worley Johnson, professor of Eastern Kentucky University was present as a guest to discuss Environmental Health Marketing. He informed the Committee that all universities have an information day, and try to coordinate info to prospective students. We could partner with ECU to have an informational booth to help market environmental health to new students.

The Committee discussed the pass-fail ratio for the exam. At this time it appears the pass fail ratio is appropriate. It was discussed that calculations could be removed from the exam questions.

The committee discussed the revision of the exam and the development of a revised study guide. The study guide could be online.
Proposal was 270 questions, 60% pass/fail rate.
Proposed revision to be done by July 2010.

Motion to pay the exam vendor in three installments for the new test by Matt Rhodes.
Seconded by Juli Conner.

Next meeting in Frankfort to finalize the strategic plan.

5-25-10
Frankfort R.S. Meeting with the following members present.

Roy Foushee
Dan Troutman
Matt Rhodes
Beverley Watkins

Guy discussed a letter sent to KPHLI regarding contact hours and partnering opportunities.
Guy discussed the letter sent to universities to raise awareness of environmental health and to improve recruitment to our field. The letters were sent to Eastern, Western, UK, UL: Murray, NKY universities in Kentucky.
Guy discussed the letter slated to go out to membership about the credit card option of payment.

The exam vendor completed the exam and study guide. They will send a disk to Beverley Joy Watkins. The Committee needs to purchase the new books and review the questions. The Committee agreed to have reviewed the questions and be ready for a January 1, 2011 roll out date for the new exam.

Motion to approve the first installment payment to the exam developer, by Matt Rhodes.
Seconded by Dan Troutman.
In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

The Committee reviewed the voting totals for the vacancy that Mr. Foushee will be creating on his term completion. Motion to nominate Ms. Vonia Grabeel as the new director for Region D. Guy will discuss with Ms. Grabeel, and assemble the paperwork and send the recommendation to the Cabinet Secretary.

Beverley Watkins discussed the renewal process and updates.

The Committee worked on the Strategic Plan.